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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-510469 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-233153.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-48505.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-267176 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language documents, enclosed is an English-language International Search Report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT International Application from which this national phase application is derived. An English-language abstract of the documents is also enclosed.

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